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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:  
Joseph F. Hicklin *et al.*

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Art Unit: 1631

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
IMPROVED MODELING OF CHEMICAL  
AND BIOCHEMICAL REACTIONS

Examiner: K. R. Skowronek

### **AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION SUBMITTED IN CONJUNCTION WITH A REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

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Dear Sir:

### **INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated March 16, 2010, (Paper No. 20100303), please reconsider the above-identified U.S. patent application in light of the following. A Request for Continued Examination is submitted herewith.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the claim listing beginning on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.